GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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IMPACT OF ECONOMIC SLOW DOWN
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways was no exception to the impact of the economic slow down which had been reflected in the loading figures of some zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken for reducing expenditure in the unproductive areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Economic slow down in the country has affected the originating loading on the Indian Railways also. Zone-wise proportionate target and provisional loading achieved up to Oct., 2001 is given below:

(In Million Tonnes)

Railways	Target	Loading (Provisional)
Central	30.20	30.70
Eastern	47.10	43.72
Northern	19.80	19.20
N.E.	1.60	1.38
N.F.	3.65	3.86
Southern	16.10	14.69
S.C.	33.65	33.55
S.E.	109.50	104.95
Western	21.20	21.05
Total	281.35	273.10

Railway`s originating loading, being a derived demand, was below the proportionate target up to October`2001 due to less demand from Core and Non Core sectors.

(d): It is the continuous endeavour of the Railways to ensure that expenditure is incurred judiciously and is kept strictly need based. Railways, inter-alia, have been taking the following steps to ensure control of expenditure:-

(i) Austerity and economy measures in areas such as hospitality, publicity, advertisements, inaugural ceremonies, seminar & workshops, contingent office expenses etc.

(ii) Better manpower management for improving per capita productivity.

(iii) Energy conservation.

(iv) Efficient utilization of assets

(v) Reduction in equipment failure and accidents

(vi) Stringent financial and budgetary control through the mechanism of fixation Spending Limits and monthly budget proportions.

(vii) Cost control, cost reduction and cost effectiveness in all on-line and off-line activities.

(viii) Improvement in inventory management.